



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

May 9 - 10, 2023

Canopy by Hilton Baltimore Harbor Point (1215 Wills Street, Baltimore, MD)
or via Webex webinar

This will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. SSC members, other invited meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Hilton Baltimore Harbor Point or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at Council's website: <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2023/may-2023-ssc-meeting>.

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

- 9:30 Welcome/Overview of meeting agenda (P. Rago)
- 9:35 Overview of the Mid-Atlantic/New England Catch Accounting and Monitoring System (CAMS) (M. Lanning, GARFO)
 - Overview of CAMS landings and discards estimation procedure; differences between CAMS and previous catch estimates; peer review findings
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Introductory overview of the Spiny Dogfish Research Track stock assessment information (C. McManus, RI DEM)
 - Overview of Stock Synthesis 3 and comparison to previous assessment method
 - Finding of new spiny dogfish ageing information
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Introductory overview of the Bluefish Research Track stock assessment
 - Overview and development of Woods Hole Assessment Model for Bluefish; new dead discard estimation method (T. Wood, NEFSC)
 - MRIP evaluation and updates to the MRIP index (K. Drew, ASMFC)
 - Bluefish forage index (S. Gaichas, NEFSC)

- Bluefish Ecosystem and Socio-Economic Profile (A. Tyrell, NEFSC)
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Guidance for constant/average ABC calculations
- Review of approach(es) developed by SSC sub-group
 - Provide recommendations for Council consideration
- 4:30 Potential updates to the OFL CV guidance document
- Review suggested changes and modifications by SSC sub-group
 - Provide recommendations for Council consideration
- 5:30 Adjourn

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

- 8:30 Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog data and fishery update: review of previously recommended 2024 ABCs (J. Coakley)
- 9:30 Butterfish data and fishery update: review of previously recommended 2024 ABC (J. Didden)
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Chub Mackerel data and fishery update: review of previously recommended 2024 ABC (J. Beaty)
- 11:15 Golden and Blueline Tilefish data and fishery update: review previously recommended 2024 ABCs (J. Montañez and H. Hart)
- Update on 2023 fishery-independent tilefish surveys
- 12:45 Other Business
- Scientific Coordination Sub-Committee update
- 1:15 Adjourn

Note: agenda topic times are approximate and subject to change